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The Daily Press.

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HONGKONG, MAY 4th, 1905.

Most people will continue to cling to "the evidence of their senses," and maintain that Japanese credit is superlatively good because the whole world is rushing to buy her paper, and that Russian credit is bad because even with onerous terms Russia is finding difficulty in raising a new loan. M. Roukowsky, financial agent of the Russian Government, is a witness whose evidence tends to "make us tired," as the American would say. He alleges that there is a three-year-old English conspiracy to wreck Russian credit, "for political reasons." The immediate criticism that suggests itself is that three years is a very short time to allow the London papers to lower Russia's credit to its present most attenuated form.

"There are millions of families in Europe who have invested the savings of their whole lifetime in Russian securities, and to whom the sale in a panic would mean ruin. It is criminal," says M. Roukowsky, to attempt to bring ruin to such people by mis-statements and mis-representations.

As we must admit that we, in common with a great many other journals, have published the statements and representations to which this Russian financier prefixes a "mis," it is due to our journalistic conscience to examine the precise degree of our criminality. We have done our best in the direction, and find that we have little with which to reproach ourselves. It is true we were guilty of scepticism with regard to Russia's gold reserve; and hasten now to express our belief that it does exist. That it happens to be a borrowed one, however, is a fact which, at the risk of further crime, we would point out for the benefit of the "millions of families in Europe." If the

resulting panic causes them to sell out at a loss, we cannot help it. Even in that case, we should regard the saying "better late than never" as being applicable. It may be going too far to say that Russia is already insolvent; but we have noticed that in the case of individual examinations in bankruptcy, the evidence is wont to have a retrospective colouring. A London financier makes this handsome admission:—"Given conditions of peace in the Far East, and the necessary social reforms at home, there seems no reason—even making allowance for war expenditure—why the economic position of Russia should not shortly become such as certainly to cause no apprehensions to holders of the securities of that country." There was always a chance for the scriptural PARAGON, but he was, it is alleged, subsequently drowned in the Red Sea. The proper circumstances were not "given," which makes all the difference; and up to now, there is a readiness about Russia's sea of trouble which does not help us to a greater hope for her. M. Roukowsky invites us to consider the official figures, assuring us that we will discover in successive Russian Budgets huge surpluses. In the last Russian Budget there is an item of Roubles 14,838,638 without which the expenditure would greatly overshadow the revenue. That item is entered as "From the resources of the Treasury." The Russian Treasury is undoubtedly resourceful, but our English methods of book-keeping would not permit an entry like that. How was that balance drawn; was it borrowed; or was it melted down from the gold bricks now open for public exhibition? M. Roukowsky points out that the British National Debt is much larger, and that it involves much greater annual expenditure for interest and sinking fund. This drawing of red herrings across the trail cannot revive Russian credit much. The vital difference between the Russian and British debts is that the former is external and the latter internal. In our case, we owe it to ourselves; it is in the family, and we do not worry over a good investment. Russia does not worry much either, apparently, leaving that entirely to her foreign creditors. But in the matter of credit, Japan admittedly scores one of her greatest victories over Russia. Her books are open and aboveboard; there are no credit balances "from the resources of the Treasury." We know now that Japan does not need all the money she is borrowing; but owing to the eagerness with which her securities are competed for, and the disappointment shown when there were not enough to go round, her astute officials considered it politic to inspire good feeling by deigning to accept the proffered gold. We read that "Reuters Agency is authoritatively informed with reference to the new loan, that it will be the policy of the Japanese Government to do all in their power to release the proceeds of the loan as rapidly as possible, and generally, to cause as little inconvenience as possible in the money market. It is well known that the Japanese Government acted in the same manner in the case of the last two loans."

The new water works at Sarawak, Borneo, which are to be constructed this year, will cost in the neighbourhood of \$220,000.—*Exporters and Importers Journal.*

Shing Tsun, junkman, was charged before Mr. F. A. Hazeland at the Police Court yesterday, with stealing turf from Dr. Roupie's estate at Chung Kwang Bay. He was convicted and sentenced to two months' hard labour.

Out of a gang of sixty coolies who were making a "hobby" outside No. 7 Police Station, three were arrested and charged before Mr. F. A. Hazeland with making a noise against the peace and quietude of the neighbourhood. The defendants were each fined \$15.

Before Mr. F. A. Hazeland at the Police Court yesterday four coolies were charged with trespassing, two on the premises of Mr. Robertson, superintendent of the Star Ferry Co., and two on the premises of Mr. A. Krebs, Marine Superintendent of the Norddeutscher Lloyd. They were all fined \$15.

The new gun factory, which is to be established by the government of India, at Ishapur, is to be able, not only to turn out nearly 30,000 weapons annually, but to manufacture the component parts of the weapon, and to undertake all kinds of repairs. The completion of this factory will place India in a self-supporting condition in regard to the furnishing of its guns, as well as in its supply of ammunition.—*Exporters and Importers Journal.*

The iron works at Han Yang, China, turned out last year more than 35,000 tons of steel rails, which were sold at an average price of \$31.37 a ton. The output of pig iron was increased from 120 to 170 tons a day. The iron works employed as managers five foreigners, and as workmen more than 3,000 natives. This is one indication of the progressive spirit which is beginning to influence China, under the impetus brought to bear by the gradual opening of the empire to foreign enterprise.—*Exporters and Importers Journal.*

The appointment of Mr. Ernest Colville Collins Wilton to be his Majesty's Assistant Commissioner to negotiate in regard to the agreement to and confirmation by China of the Anglo-Tibetan Convention of September 7, 1904, is gazetted.

The *Temps* has reason to believe that a plan for a friendly meeting (*rencontre amicale*) of the British and French Channel and North Sea squadrons is under consideration. It is intended that the French squadron shall pay a few days' call at a British port.

Kwan Yau so far forgot himself in the Police Court yesterday as to light up a cigarette while Mr. Hazeland was trying a case. As a reminder of his whereabouts, His Worship sentenced him to fourteen days' imprisonment in default of payment of a fine of \$5.

Sergeant Watt executed a gabling warrant at No. 16 Second street on Tuesday night. As a result sixteen natives were arrested. Two were charged with being the keepers of a common gaming house, and fourteen with gambling. The first two defendants were each fined \$50, and the remainder \$1 each.

The *Shipping Gazette* announces the resignation of Mr. J. B. Westray, one of the British directors of the Suez Canal Company and a member of its London committee. It adds that the Suez Canal Company will invite the Chamber of Shipping, which has recently been strongly protesting against the non-representative character of the London committee, to nominate a successor to Mr. Westray on the Suez Canal Board.

The Government contractors foreman and eight coolies were charged before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, at the Police Court yesterday, at the instance of Inspector Collett, with trespassing on Crown land. The offence was caused by the foreman and coolies depositing earth and broken rubble on an unauthorised place below Lytleton Road. They had been granted permission to fill up holes provided they rumbled down the debris, but instead of doing this they were simply tipping the rubbish over the hillside, and it was blocking watercourses. The foreman was fined \$5 and each of the coolies \$1 each.

The curious case of the steamer *Horatius* aroused much interest on 29th March. This steamer, with her valuable consignment of specie, had been dealt in as overdue for some days, and as much as 30 guineas per cent. were paid on her. Yet she arrived safely in the River Plate on the 17th, and Lloyd's had been ignorant of the fact until the 29th. When one considers that the market had something like a quarter of a million at risk on this vessel, it is extraordinary that prompt news of her arrival should not have been sent.—*Times.*

HO ME, a tallyman on the s.s. *Emma-Luthen* who was arrested by Detective Sergeant Terrett, was charged before Mr. F. A. Hazeland at the Police Court yesterday at the instance of Mr. E. Cornwall Lewis, assistant Postmaster General, with unlawfully infringing the exclusive privilege of the Postmaster General by taking correspondence out of the Colony for Swatow without passing through the General Post Office. Defendant was convicted and fined \$50, with the alternative of one month's imprisonment.

THE TIENSIN GERMAN CONCESSION.

At a meeting held at the Tientsin German Consulate on April 4th arrangements were made for the formation of a German Municipality to run the affairs of the German Concession. Up till now the land has been held out by a large company. They have built the roads, laid out the land, and supplied the police and lighting for the roads. The German Government, these public duties will be carried out by the Municipality, as soon as the resolutions for forming same, which were adopted at this meeting, have been approved and sanctioned by the German Reichstag. The Municipality is to be run on similar lines to others in China. There are to be five members of the Council; the chairman and three members must be German. Chinese will not be allowed to vote, or be qualified for election on the council but other nationalities will be eligible. Mr. Woeckel proposed that the land in the German extension should not be sold to a big home company, but that it should be left for the community or private individuals to buy the land, he thought it would be in their interest to do so. This motion was carried.

The resolutions have already been despatched home to Germany for confirmation.

THE JAPANESE LOAN.

The *Times* correspondent in New York, telegraphed on March 26th:—"Wall-street has seldom seen such scenes as were witnessed to-day, and never before in connection with the issue of a foreign loan. People of all classes, many of them from the country, assembled early to bid for the Japanese loan, and soon after Messrs. Kuhn, Loeb, and Co. opened their doors a line extended through Williams-street and up Pine-street. Inside the office the clerks had all they could do to count the bills pinned to the applications as fast as they were made out, for a large proportion of the applicants were unfamiliar with the use of certified checks. The lists could have been closed an hour after bidding began, while thousands of applications arrived by post, and telegraph, in a sense the overflow of London bidding was making itself felt. How many times over the loan has been subscribed, has not yet been ascertained."

REUTERS'S APOLOGY.

It has been generally stated that the summary of the North Sea finding which Reuters wired before it was published, was inspired from Russian sources for Russian diplomatic reasons. The Company, however, very frankly owned up to their mistake and addressed the following communication to the Editors of London papers on Feb. 27:—"Sir,—Considerable comment has been aroused by the forecast, which we published in a telegram from Paris on February 22, of the report of the North Sea Commission."

"From the form in which the statement was conveyed and the authority of the source, there was no reason to suppose at the time that it was otherwise than an authentic summary of the report."

"We greatly regret that the publication of the full text shows that, by the communication in question, we have been made the victims of a manoeuvre, designed to mislead the public both here and abroad.—I am your obedient servant."

W. F. Bradshaw, Secretary. Reuters Telegram Company, Limited.

TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.]

CHINA AND THE MACKAY TREATY.

BRITISH MERCHANTS' APPEAL TO LORD LANSDOWNE.

SHANGHAI, 3rd May.

Seventy leading British merchants have telegraphed to the following effect to Lord Lansdowne, the Foreign Minister:—

"British merchants draw the Government's attention to the fact that China ignores the Mackay Treaty, rendering the same ineffective in most of its essentials. China actively opposes the promised Currency reform, ignores the pledge to make Mining Regulations less hostile to foreign mining enterprise, extends an irregular taxation system in defiance of the Treaty stipulations, and obstructs all efforts to facilitate navigation. We beg the British Government to insist on the Treaty being made immediately operative."

[This telegram, which was drawn up by a committee of leading merchants, was kept for a week at offices of Messrs. Brunner, Mond & Co., in order that a number of influential signatures might give full weight to it. Nearly all the British firms seem to have backed it.]

THE CARNAGE AT WARSAW.

LONDON, 3rd May.

It was a sanguinary May Day at Warsaw. The conflict between the Tsar's troops and the rebellious Poles resulted in 260 persons being killed or wounded. This number is semi-official. The popular estimate is higher. All the workmen in Poland have since gone on strike.

RUSSIA DISTURBED.

LONDON, 3rd May.

Serious disturbances are again reported at many places in Russia.

[REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

THE KING IN PARIS.

LONDON, 1st May.

The King and President Loubet exchanged the most cordial visits yesterday afternoon. Crowds waiting patiently in the rain cheered the King with remarkable fervour. M. Delcasse called on the King and had a twenty minutes interview with him. The King also received Admiral Fourrier; congratulated him on the way in which he had conducted the North Sea enquiry and conferred on him the order of St. Michael and St. George. A State banquet was held at the Elysee in the evening.

REUTERS'S OPTIMISM.

LONDON, 1st May.

A Ukase, establishing practically complete religious freedom to all creeds, has been received with enthusiasm throughout Russia; it is hailed as the greatest concession to liberal thought yet granted and is regarded as the precursor of political freedom.

Easter day passed off quite quietly in St. Petersburg and no reports of disorders were received from the provinces.

Ukases have been issued remitting the arrears of Government loans to peasants during bad harvest years from 1897 to the birth of the Tsarvitch; the arrears are estimated at £7,500,000. For remitting most of the disabilities of the unorthodox sects in regard to the freedom of worship and civil rights, the Ukase includes Matomedans and Buddhists who are no longer officially classified as heathens. No provision is made for any relaxation of anti-Jew restrictions.

ANOTHER "PRECURSOR OF FREEDOM."

LONDON, 1st May.

On May day in Warsaw, a procession of workmen carrying red flags was charged by the cavalry and fired on by the infantry; 31 were killed and 15 wounded.

THE WAR.

["DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.]

THE BALTIC FLEET AT PORT DAYOT.

SAIGON, 2d May.

Admiral Rozhdestvensky in command of the Baltic Fleet, has arrived at Port Dayot. His Fleet will await off the coast of Annam the arrival of the Third Baltic Fleet in command of Admiral Nebogtoff.

The French cruiser *Guichen*, with the Admiral (de Jonquieres?) on board, has sailed from Saigon.

Four transports are coaling here, their destination being said to be Odessa.

[Port Dayot is quite a new port on the coast of Annam, at which the French are making a harbour. It does not appear on any map that we know of.]

GENERAL BATTLE EXPECTED.

LONDON, 3rd May.

A general battle is expected shortly in the neighbourhood of Tumen.

LINEVITCH'S POSITION HOPELESS.

LONDON, 3rd May.

Russian opinion at St. Petersburg regards the position of General Linevitch as a hopeless one.

VLADIVOSTOCK PREPARED.

LONDON, 3rd May.

Great progress is reported to have been made at Vladivostock with the preparations to withstand a siege.

[REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

FOR "PREMATURE" READ

"UNTRUE."

LONDON, 1st May.

Reuters's correspondent at Tsingtau wires that the Baltic fleet, including Admiral Nebogtoff's squadron, is near Hainan.

LATER.

The report from Tsingtau is wholly premature.

BALTIC FLEET NEWS.

TRANSPORTS.

The s.s. *Woodford* arrived from Saigon yesterday, leaving that port on the 29th April at 3 p.m. she sighted three transports anchored off the Marconi Signal Station at the entrance to Saigon river. At Cape St. James there were twelve German ships at anchor, some loading provisions out of smaller craft from up river. That was at 6 p.m.

FLEET OFF CAPE VARELLA.

The s.s. *Anders Rickmers* arrived from Bangkok yesterday. At 2 p.m. on the 30th April, twenty miles south of Cape Varella, she sighted the Russian fleet without lights. She was not spoken.

FLEET AT VAN FRONG.

The s.s. *Telemaclus* arrived from Saigon yesterday. She saw the Baltic fleet anchored at Van Frong Bay on the 30th April. Two cruisers of the Volunteer fleet were patrolling the respective ends of the Bay at a distance of ten miles. When leaving Saigon on Saturday the 29th April twelve colliers (one British, one Norwegian and eight Germans) were anchored inside of Cape St. James; and three others (one British and two-Germans) were up river.

DESTROYER IN A FOG.

The s.s. *Lothian* arrived from Tsingtau yesterday. At 2 p.m. on the 1st instant she sighted a destroyer, nationality unknown, steaming at full speed in a north-easterly direction. There was thick fog at the time and the little craft was only seen at intervals through the gloom.

JAPAN AND THE PHILIPPINES.

A CAUSE FOR CONGRATULATION.

Admitting for the sake of argument that Japan is casting covetous looks upon the Philippines, that fact should call for congratulation rather than alarm. The United States, having bought the islands from Spain, is certainly a liberty to call them to Japan, and the case is one that would seem to call for the services of the Secretary of State rather than those of the Secretary of War. The Philippines may be the subject of barter, but they can never be a cause for war between the United States and Japan.—*Watsonville Register.*

ATTITUDE OF THE FILIPINOS.

If war with Japan should come to pass, our un-American imperialistic policy would be responsible for it. Had the United States, after Dewey's victory, recognized the independence of the Philippines, and established a protectorate over them, it would have been notice of "hands off" to all the world and a more powerful weapon of defense than all the battle-ships we can build. In such case, Japan would not dare to war with the United States over the Philippines. Now, a war would simply mean a struggle on our part to retain, and on Japan's part to gain possession of stolen property. The Philippines "ungrateful" to us for "benevolently assimilating" them—would not be our allies, as in the war against Spain; they might even be with our foes; or they might take a neutral stand, knowing that victory by either side would mean defeat for them, and say: "Go it, Jap; go it, Yank; don't care which whips."—*Californian Enquirer.*

SHIPBUILDING BY THE POWERS.

Answering Sir G. Parker in the House of Commons, Mr. Frotyman said the number of battle-ships laid down in the period 1900 to 1904 inclusive, in Great Britain was 13; France six; Germany ten; Russia six. The number sanctioned but not laid down, in November, 1904, was—Great Britain two; France nil; Russia three; Germany two each year 1905 to 1909 inclusive, one each year 1910 to 1912 and 1914 to 1916, and two each year in 1913 and 1917. No additional programmes for battle-ships have been brought forward since November, 1904, by France or Germany. A large new Russian shipbuilding programme is known to be under consideration, probably extending over a series of years, but the extent or date of commencement is not known.

SHANGHAI RACES.

SECOND DAY, 3 MAY.

Stewards:—Messrs. A. McLeod (Chairman), C. Brodersen, H. J. Craig, W. S. Jackson, D. Landale, John Liddell, R. Macgregor, S. W. Pratt (Clerk of the Course) and F. J. Burritt (Secretary).

CHU-KA-ZA CUP.—Value, Tls. 250; Second pony, Tls. 50; if five or more starters, Third pony, Tls. 25. For China ponies. Winners of a Race at this meeting 5lbs. extra. Non-Starters at this meeting 7lbs. extra. Jockeys who have never won an Official Race allowed 5lbs. Three-Quarters of a Mile.

Mr. G. H. Potts' Heather King (Mr. Cumming) 1
Mr. John Peel's Zodiac (Mr. Reid) 2
The Ring's Lancer (Mr. Meyer) 3
Time—1.32.2/5.

SHANGHAI DEBBY.—Value, Tls. 750; Second pony, Tls. 150; Third pony, Tls. 75. For China ponies, being bona fide griffins at date of entry. Weight for miles as per scale. Entrances, Tls. 15. One Mile and a Half.

Mr. Dargor's Whitelaze (Mr. Crighton) 1
Mr. Quebec's Cadrie (Mr. Zahn) 2
Mr. Oswald's Ardai (Mr. Watts) 3
Time—3.15.2/5.

MONGOLIAN PLATE.—Value, Tls. 200. Second pony, Tls. 50; Third pony, Tls. 25. For subscription griffins of this meeting. Winners of one Race 5lbs. extra, two Races 10lbs. extra. Jockeys who have never won an Official Race allowed 5lbs. One Mile and a Quarter.

Mr. H. Morris' Cinnamon (Mr. Cumming) 1
Mr. Joliben's Dobequick (Mr. Watts) 2
Mr. Ellis Ka'oorie's Desert Chief (Mr. Vida) 3
Time—2.44.2/5.

RACE CLUB CUP.—Value, Tls. 250; Second pony, Tls. 50; if five or more starters, Third pony, Tls. 25. For China ponies, 5lbs. allowed to any pony that has never won a Race of One Mile and a Half or over. Two Miles.

Mr. Oswald's Blair Athol (Mr. Cumming) 1
Mr. Wingard's Algerine (Mr. Marling) 2
Mr. Nephew's Minheimer (Mr. Hayes) 3
Time—3.57.1/5.

CONCORDIA CUP.—Value, Tls. 250; Second pony, Tls. 50. If five or more starters, Third pony, Tls. 25. For China ponies being bona fide griffins at date of entry. Non-Starters allowed 5lbs. Winners 5lbs. extra. One Mile and a Quarter.

Mr. Nephew's Tritonheimer (Mr. Hayes) 1
The Ring's (Zardus) (Mr. Meyer) 2
Mr. Quebec's Cadrie (Mr. Fearon) 3
Time—2.39.4/5.

SICCAMEI CUP.—Value, Tls. 250; Second pony, Tls. 100; Third pony, Tls. 50. For China ponies; ponies that have started at this meeting and not won a race allowed 4lbs. griffins; winners allowed 4lbs., non-winners allowed 7lbs. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. John Peel's Adpatrick (Mr. Cumming) 1
Mr. Bruce Robertson's Gaddy (Mr. Burkill) 2
Messrs. Toeg and Barley's Rhono (Mr. Wallumier) 3
Time—2.41.3/5.

PEKING STAKES.—Value, Tls. 200; Second pony, Tls. 50; if five or more starters, Third pony, Tls. 25. For subscription griffins of this meeting. Winners of one race 5 lbs. extra; of two or more 10 lbs. extra; unplaced ponies allowed 3 lbs. One mile.

Mr. Twocoes' May Duke (Mr. Cumming) 1
Mr. Bruce Robertson's Tiara (Mr. Burkill) 2
Messrs. Richmond and Oswald's (Mr. Campbell) 3
Time—2.7.4/5.

SHANGHAI STAKES.—A forced entry of Tls. 5, with Tls. 100 added. For all China ponies otherwise entered at this meeting. Optional for subscription griffins entered in subscription griffin races only; First pony to receive 70 per cent, Second pony, 20 per cent, Third pony, 10 per cent. One mile and a half.

Messrs Toeg and Barley's (Mr. Wallumier) 1
Mr. Quebec's Sphero (Mr. Hayes) 2
Mr. Nephew's Minheimer (Mr. Fears) 3
Time—3.13.2/5.

SPRING CUP.—Value, Tls. 250; second pony, Tls. 50; if five or more starters, Third pony, Tls. 25. For China ponies that have started at this meeting and never won a race; Jockeys who have never won an official race allowed 5 lbs. One mile.

Mr. Charley's Aethelred (Mr. Burkill) 1
Mr. Oswald's Honeyuckle (Mr. Cumming) 2
Messrs. Toeg and Speele's (Mr. Wallumier) 3
Time—2.07.2/5.

SHIPPING ITEMS.

DISEASED SHEEP ON "LYEEMOON."
The s.s. *Lyeemoon* arrived from Shanghai yesterday. Some of the sheep, live cargo, were diseased.

THE "NONAVENTURE."
H.M.S. *Nonaventure* returned from Mrs. Bay yesterday.

STEAMER MOVEMENT.
The C.M. str. *Tenckai* left Shanghai yesterday, and is due here on the 6th inst.

FOOCHOW NATIVE CUSTOMS.

Customs Commissioner E. B. Drew at Foochow reported to his Chief as follows, on 21st May 1904:

On the 13th April, 1904, I handed to you the Native Customs statistics of trade for the 28th year of Kuang Hsu. I have now the honour to furnish similar statistics for the 29th year of Kuang Hsu—corresponding pretty nearly to 1903.—These statistics are given in nine sections, or chapters, as follows:—Imports and exports at the Chief Customs House, at Shui-ting, at Chou-tou, at Hsin-chiang, at Min-an, at Kuan-tou, at Wu-lung-chiang and at Tung-tai. Section IX.—Total Value of Goods Imported and Exported at All Stations.

In each section the Imports and Exports are shown separately, and the quantity and value of each article are given.

The situation, etc., at the different collecting stations are as follows:—

Chief Office.—On island, near the Hsin Kuan. Most of its collection is derived from the coast and inter-provincial trade—not the minor local riverine trade.

Shui-ting.—A department of the Chief Office.

Chou-tou.—On the north side of River Min, opposite the Chi-fu Office. Collects on the local trade between the Chinese city and the surrounding country reached by river.

Hsin-chiang.—Similar in situation, etc., to Chou-tou.

Min-an (or Min-ngan).—In the narrow pass through which the Min flows, a few miles below Fuzhou Anchorage. All trade between the Min Valley and the outside world, far or near, passes Min-an. But few goods are landed there.

Kuan-tou.—A busy little town on the north, or left, bank of the Min, some 10 miles below the Min-an Pass and station of that name. It is situated just within the Kimpai Pass, and affords a favourable and convenient anchorage for all junks—whether those engaged in the local distribution of goods about the coast near the mouth of the Min or the larger sea-going vessels. It is merely a distributing centre.

Wu-lung-chiang.—Situated about 5 miles above Fuzhou Anchorage, commanding the local trade into and out from the Tung-tai and other small river valleys—rural districts south of the Min (i.e., "back of" the island of Nan-tai).

Tung-tai.—Situated near the southeast at the mouth of the river whose banks and branch valleys constitute Lien-kung-hien. The Tung-tai station controls all the trade going into the busy town of Lien-kung and its dependencies, and the Export trade out of that place. Lien-kung has a considerable trade by small craft and to and from Fuzhou. Its river enters the sea, say, 10 miles north of the Min, and has the Tung-tai station.

The value of all the trade—taking local and distant together—which has come within the cognizance of the Min Hui Chang Kuan (stations included) during the 29th Kuang Hsu is shown by Section IX of these Returns to be somewhat over Hk. Tls. 14,000,000.

It is interesting to get at the value of the trade with other parts of China, more or less distant, as distinguished from the merely riverine trade. The following calculation enables us to do this roughly:

The total value of all the trade is 14,000,000 Hk. Tls.
Throw out from this Min-ngan's trade, because it is included in the trade of either the Head Office or Chou-tou or Hsin-chiang (Min-ngan being only a place of transit) ... 800,428

Remainder Hk. Tls. 13,199,572
Of this total, the following is riverine trade, viz.:—
Hk. Tls.
Chou-tou ... 1,385,344
Hsin-chiang ... 150,019
Kuan-tou exports ... 134,957
Wu-lung-chiang ... 130,895
Tung-tai imports ... 40,658

Total Hk. Tls. 1,797,873

What remains is the non-riverine trade, viz.:—
Hk. Tls. 11,401,705

What proportion of this non-riverine trade consists of imports and what proportion is exports?

The actual value of the imports (non-riverine) is:—
Hk. Tls.
Head Office ... 2,322,346
Shui-ting ... 4,323
Kuan-tou ... 750,629

Total imports Hk. Tls. 3,134,173

And the actual value of the exports (non-riverine) is:—
Hk. Tls.
Head Office ... 7,693,112
Shui-ting ... 610,421
Tung-tai ... 13,929

Total exports Hk. Tls. 8,316,932

Coming now to special articles, we find that the chief ones are as follows:—

Imports (Chief Office, Shui-ting, and Kuan-tou tables):—
Hk. Tls. [1902]
Native Cloth ... 493,514 [49,658]
Salt Fish ... 306,023 [29,814]
Bean Oil ... 358,254
Tea Oil ... 114,314 [143,068]
Wheat ... 484,003 [47,907]
Beans ... 327,395 [32,702]
Banana, etc. ... 327,917 [32,702]

Other important articles are Raw Cotton, Dates, Cuttle-fish, Hemp, Lily Flowers, Melon Seeds, Samshu, Shrimp, and Vermicelli. The principal exports have been as follows (Head Office, Shui-ting, and Tung-tai together):—
Hk. Tls.
Abacus ... 494,239 [441,583]
Bamboo Slats ... 204,239 [20,423]
Bamboo Split ... 25,780 [2,578]
Chinaware, Coarse ... 140,623
Lampblack ... 46,979 [8,479]
Olives, fresh and salted ... 20,364 [2,036]
Oranges, fresh and preserved ... 17,955 [1,795]
Paper, 1st quality ... 480,804 [48,080]
Paper, 2nd quality ... 2,551,792 [255,179]
Paper, 3rd quality ... 31,283 [3,128]
Planks, Softwood ... 90,032 [9,003]
Planks, Hardwood ... 123,006 [12,300]
Poles ... 4,024,913 [402,491]
Trunks, leather ... 24,325

It is interesting to note how very large a share of the junk exports of this region consist of wood and bamboo and their products (including paper).

The total revenue, Hk. Tls. 920,488, bears to the total value of the trade, Hk. Tls. 14,000,000, the proportion of about 14 per cent.

REVIEWS.

Chun-Kwang, a tale of Chinese Love and Tragedy, by OLIVER G. READY, B.A., London: Chapman and Hall, Limited. 6s.

The Reviewer does not pretend to know the Chinaman as well as Mr. Ready knows him. *Entre nous*, he would prefer not to. It is, therefore, against perfectly fair criticism in this case that he should be introduced to a Chinese Romeo, a character which he considers in the light of a Mrs. Harris. Still, there are more philistine instincts than Mr. Ready's over that John Chinaman is of a very romantic and sentimental disposition and there is nothing for it but to bow to superior knowledge. It can be said without hesitation that in the really pretty and interesting narrative of the course of young (Chinese) love, the author has managed to introduce a great mass of really faithful description of the habits and customs of the people amongst whom he has spent many years. It should be noted, moreover, that Mr. Ready claims that his characters really existed, and he honestly believes that his pictures of Chinese life and society are neither exaggerated nor minimized. The "atmosphere" of the book is convincingly Chinese, although the Reviewer still thinks that the heroine was too good to be true. Her conduct, in Chinese eyes, must appear blameless, sweet and intelligent as she seems to the foreign reader. It would be difficult to present a better picture of Chinese "legal" procedure; and the little account of the magistrates in consultation is particularly neat. The reason for a particular judgment were eminently reasonable. Orientalism regarded. The Chinese middleman is also a character well hit off. A capital feature of the book is to be found in its illustrations, pictures drawn to order by a Chinese artist. The one who have had "gossamer" at seeing foreign attempts to illustrate Chinese or Japanese books will know how to appreciate these charming drawings. The book is neatly and strongly packed in blue cloth.

Macao: the Holy City; "The Gem of the Orient Earth," by J. Dyer Ball, M.R.A.S., Canton: China Baptist Publication Society. 15.50.

Mr. Ball has done better work than this, and he might have been better advised to leave the compiling of a mere guide book to some smaller man. It is not particularly well written, judging by the standard set by the vigorous "Things Chinese" of the same author; and so cannot add to his reputation as a littérateur. Typographically, it confers upon him unmerited disgrace. Apparently the Chinese-Baptist Publishers did not trouble to obtain any author's corrections, for at the end there are three pages of errata, containing 161 recorded mistakes, and there are errata even in the list of errata. Add to that the most severe censure on account of the hideously unsuitable type used for cross-headings, and it will be gathered that the Reviewer had little pleasure in the performance of his immediate task. An apparently exhaustive index may make the book useful to visitors who want to see all there is to see at Macao. It is a matter of taste, perhaps, but the Reviewer cannot imagine anybody being pleased with Macao scenery after seeing Hongkong. Stone piles like Cromwellian castles are capable of picturesque decay, but the historical stuccoes and adobe of Macao have a second-hand air about them that goes well with the grime and sordidness of the Chinese house. It might be "the gem" in Camoes's time, but it seems to be a gem needing some polishing and re-setting now. The book is "marked down" from \$2 to \$1.50. In its present form, people will pay \$2 for it just as readily as they will the smaller sum.

A Japanese Utopia, by Leonard Arthur Magnus, London: G. O. Routledge and Sons, Limited. 1s.
Japan is evidently still a name to conjure publishers with. Mr. Magnus has thought so, for except in the title, and on the foolish title-page picture showing an impossible Japanese lady in impossible clothes surrounded by impossible furniture, there is nothing Japanese about the whole book. The Reviewer has a well-founded theory that Mr. Magnus read Guillever's Travels, Robin-on-Crux, The Pilgrim's Progress, and Mallock's "Veil of the Temple," all in an afternoon, and straightway wrote and compiled a Japanese Utopia, which was probably finished the self-same evening. This Japanese Guillever's Utopia is so vague that the reader is left unconvinced of its superiority to existing social systems. The best thing noticed is the Utopian newspaper, which was as much a Government affair as is our post-office. "The current number of the Pe-oh-ta-ka was splendid; it had only one page. . . . Good literature is rare, and when the editor does get some in Pe-oh, he excludes all the inferior matter; form and space serve good taste, not good taste the form." If the editor of the *Daily Press* wants a Utopian paper to-day, he will know what to do. These costly cablegrams and intellectual editorials are inferior matter to the "good taste" of the Reviewer! Mr. Magnus has some good things to say about religion and education, but they have all been said before. It is a book for a wet week-end in a country house where the ones are all untipped and there is nobody to play cards with.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—
On the 3rd at 11.55 a.m. The barometer has fallen in the neighbourhood of the Loosloos, and risen elsewhere.

Pressure is highest over China. It remains low to the N. of Japan, and a shallow depression appears to be lying to the E. of the Loosloos. Gradients are slight on the China coast, and moderate N.E. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and moderate E. and S.E. winds over the N. part of the China Sea.

Forecast.—Light E. winds; fair to showery.

PARIS.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

March 31st.

JULES VERNE, DECEASED.

The regrettable death of Jules Verne at the good old age of 77, at Amiens, where he had been virtually a recluse for years, is a terrible and irreparable loss to the French literary world. His works are prized by everyone both young and old throughout the universe. He was an international writer, and his books— which endeared him to a world-wide circle of young readers—have been translated into Eastern as well as European languages. Thus, as an author of repute, he was a great favourite in Japan. What he did not know he invented to perfection; for a writer whose special feature was travel, no more rationally untravelled man ever existed. With the exception of the coast of French North Africa, he never saw any country outside Europe.

He was born at Nantes on the 8th of February 1828, where he studied law, with the intention of becoming a barrister. As he grew older his taste veered round to the drama and literature; in 1850 he produced his first play, entitled *Les Pailles romaines*, which had a successful run at the Gymnase Theatre. This was shortly followed by another comedy *Une jour de Siège* which was produced with much effect at the Vaudeville Theatre. Though he composed several other brilliant comic operas after this, it was as a prolific and brilliant writer that he achieved worldly success. Suffices it to say that on his 73rd birthday he had completed his 99th volume, and was struggling against declining health and failing sight to complete the 100th. One day he was able to write the next found him prostrated. Write, in the literal sense, he could not for blindness had gone too far for that. In consequence of this awful calamity, other hands had to be used; he, however, employed no hired pen, M. Verne, herself a septuagenarian, crowded a long lifetime of companionship by assuming, as a last labour of love, the duties of amanuensis.

The late Jules Verne's life was one of simplicity; ambitions had none. Strange that so distinguished a writer never became a member of the French Academy. The younger Dumas, not the less, broadcast the subject as far back as 1858, but nothing came of it, so that M. Verne cast aside even the desire for such a distinction. Only four years ago, on a friend reminding him of the incident, the late Jules Verne replied with a laugh, "I have seen fifty-eight academicians elected, and all of them are dead, while I remain." Had he become an "Immortal" he might not have lived to such a green old age.

Thousands of sympathisers followed the lamented author to the grave. The hearse was invisible beneath the mass of floral tributes which had been sent by relatives and friends from all parts of the world. Several speeches were delivered, and many eloquent tributes paid to the brilliant gifts of the famous novelist. The funeral took place at Amiens. Whether the remains of the deceased will be later on brought to Paris to be interred in the Pantheon is not yet settled, though he is certainly entitled to a niche in that Temple of Fame.

A ROYAL SPANISH GUEST.

Society is very busy preparing for the approaching visit of the young king of Spain, Alfonso XIII., which certainly will be a most brilliant affair, provided the weather keeps fine. Citizens' committees for decoration have been formed while both the Municipality and the State have promised to co-operate extensively. Parisians who are over original as well as happy in their ideas propose to transform that fashionable portion of Paris, the district of the Palais-Royal (now known as the Theatre-Francaise) and the Place de l'Opera, into a miniature reproduction of Madrid, wherein would be shown the Puerta de Alcalá, the famous Puerta del Sol, the column and statue of Columbus, the facade of the King's Escorial, and the monuments of Spanish Kings. Republican Paris seems never so happy as when demonstrating her love for Royalty provided it is not French. All being well the young Spanish monarch is expected here early next May, when he will be most heartily welcomed at the station by President Loubet, in the name of France. M. Loubet intends going to Madrid to return the King's visit, before the end of the year. By the time His Majesty returns to Madrid, it will almost be time for him to set out again, this time for London, where another right royal welcome awaits him.

Public opinion believes that the Kaiser, who is proverbially shrewd in most matters, failed to exercise sufficient tact by his trip to North Africa. So far as the affair is susceptible of being interpreted as an attempt to disturb the position of the Republic in Morocco, the very moderation of the policy which French diplomacy has laid down for itself is a sufficient guarantee. Is it the intention of the Kaiser to postpone indefinitely the reconciliation between his own country and France? The imperial visit has set the majority of *Boulevardiers* mad. "True, the German Emperor" might perhaps have chosen some other time than the present for his ill-advised compliment to the Sultan of Morocco. According to that Social leader, M. Jaurès, "Whatever may be the attenuating explanations given by the German papers, the Kaiser's voyage is very unpleasant for the French Government. It takes place at the moment when our representative in Morocco, M. Saint-René Taillandier, is painfully negotiating at Fez to obtain from the Sultan a commencement of administrative reorganization. It seems calculated to recall to France that she is not alone in having interests in Morocco; that it is not sufficient for her to have obtained from England a protocol of semi-disinterestedness and to have negotiated an arrangement with Spain, but that she must still reckon with

the economic interests of Germany. The visit of William II. to Tangiers can only weaken at this moment France's hold on the Sultan and encourage him to resist. In this sense it is a grave check to the diplomacy of M. Delcassé. Has M. Delcassé done all that he ought to have done to prevent it? For a long time he has seemed to believe that to ignore Germany was to suppress her, and in this connection he has pushed his *wait-and-see* to an immoderate degree."

A TIMELY REFORM.

Members of the British colony here are much pleased with the radical change which is about to take place in the manner of entertaining as suggested by their Sovereign King Edward VII. to his representative in Paris, Sir Francis Bertie, the new British Ambassador, who is already a great favourite with all classes. For instance in Lord Dufferin's and Sir Edmund Monson's time, whenever a distinguished person on a visit to this capital was asked informally to dinner at the Embassy, it was the rule to invite members of the fashionable set of French nobility to meet the English guest, and this to the exclusion of the Governing and Republican elements who were never asked to any private functions. King Edward, who knows that the French nobility do not represent the public in France, and that many of them are anti-British in the bargain, has decreed that for the future the Ambassador is to make it a rule to invite official persons to these private functions.

FRANCE HAS NO INCOME TAX.

Like the millennium, the Income-tax Borey is still coming, but has not come yet, and the French will see that its progress is retarded as much as possible. Everytime the subject is broached, a lively discussion ensues. We are once more told that the unwelcome visitor is on the eve of gaining a footing in this country. France is strictly opposed to such a scheme and has always been so. Whether M. Ruvier, who is actually carrying out a series of experiments with the object of establishing an Income-tax in France, succeeds in the present case is more than doubtful; other Ministers of Finance have found the task impossible, and given up the idea. M. Ruvier is convinced of succeeding this time, so much so that he allows it is only a question of fulfilling the necessary formalities, and then France will "rejoice" in the possession of "the most unpopular tax in England." However, it does not follow that because the present Minister of Finance declares that France is on the eve of adopting the Income-tax, that it is an accomplished fact. Thus M. Combes—M. Ruvier's predecessor—who was a partisan of the *bogey*, is out of office, and it may be assumed that at least for the moment his scheme for republishing the coffers of the State has been indefinitely postponed. No fewer than fifteen Income-tax schemes have already been presented to the Chambers since 1871, the results have been identical. Each one found its way "into the Parliamentary sepulchre where false ideas go to rot." M. Roche, a well-known French deputy rejects with scorn the argument derived from the example of other nations, to wit, England and Germany—and maintains that the Income-tax does not exist in these countries under the conditions in which it would be administered in France. He distinguishes the idea of a tax on the revenue of the individual from a tax on revenues in the plural; and in connection with the latter he warmly recommends the 4 per cent. duty which is at present imposed upon all dividends in France. This tax is automatic, being deducted from the coupons before they are received by the owner, and varying precisely with the amounts of the coupons. So too, with the tax of 3 per cent. on the rent of houses. This also is not in its essence a personal tax, but is levied on the house of whom the owner is, or how many other houses, he may possess. It is any consideration of the personal income of the citizen which seems to M. Roche so dangerous. The State, he says, can only proceed by arbitrary taxation of the citizen—in other words, deciding in a sort of "a priori" way what it thinks his income is; or by declaration, which involves an inquiry into the citizen's private affairs. Nothing could be more horrible and odious than this to the French; it is precisely for this reason that they will continue to oppose the introduction of the income tax to the bitter end.

JAPAN'S CREDIT.

The extraordinary rush in the City for participation in the new Japanese Loan is a striking event from the political point of view, as well as from the financial. We are told that within half-an-hour 70,000 prospectuses had been distributed, and one bank alone had that day closed the whole of the English portion of the loan had been more than covered at the offices of a single firm of brokers. At the same time applications had been received from the Continent to the amount of several millions, and in New York it was reported that the bonds were selling at 4 per cent. premium. The instinct of the European and American financiers has guided them rightly in this instance. Japan has now been fighting for her life for more than twelve months and she can go into the money markets of the world upon her own terms. 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ARRIVALS.

ANDROMEDA, British steamer, 2nd May, from
Mitsui B.S.
ANDRE RICKMERS, German str., 1920, H.
Kohn, 3rd May, from Bangkok 29th April.
Rico, Molokai & Co.
BENMOH, British str., 2435, A. Webster, 3rd
May, Singapore 24th April, General.
Gibb, Livingston & Co.
BONAVENTURE, British steamer, 3rd May,
from Mitsui B.S.
C. FRED, LARSEN, German str., 5675, C. von
Hoff, 3rd May, Hamburg and Singapore
25th April, General. Hamburg-Amerika
Line.
EMPEROR OF JAPAN, British steamer, 5904, H.
Pybus, 1st May, 3rd May, Vancouver 10th
April, Mitsui B.S. and General. C. P. R. Co.
HAILAN, French str., 377, L. Anderson, 3rd
May, Peking and Hobei 2nd May, General.
A. H. Marty.
HONGKONG, British str., 2400, J. Slater, 2nd
May, Singapore 24th April, General.
Chinese.
KAIPOH, British str., 1210, E. Finlayson, 3rd
May, 10th 24th April, Sugar. Butter-
field & Swire.
KENNINGTON, British str., 2247, Dorset, 2nd
May, Nippon Yusen Kaisha 24th April.
Bulmer & Co.
KWANGTAI, Chinese str., 1536, Wm. H. Lunt,
3rd May, Shanghai 29th April, General.
Chinese.
LOTHIAN, British str., 3711, J. C. Williamson,
3rd May, Chingwangtao 27th April.
Gibb, Livingston & Co.
LYEEMOON, German str., 1258, Th. Lehmann,
3rd May, Shanghai 29th April, General.
Siemssen & Co.
RUBI, British str., 1611, A. H. Nottley, 2nd
May, Manila 31st April, General. She-
wan, Tomes & Co.
RUPERT K., U.S. tug boat, 322, Charleston,
2nd May, Manila 27th April. E. C.
Wilks.
WIK, German str., 1822, Cursons, 3rd May,
Newport 1st March and Saigon 23rd April.
3564 tons Coal. Jensen & Co.
WOODFORD, British str., 1930, J. Saldon, 2nd
May, Saigon 28th April, Rice. Order.
CLEANANCES.
AT THE HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE.
3rd May.
Haitian, British str., for Swatow.
Hogwarts, British str., for Amoy.
Jelverth, British str., for Saigon.
Kwangtai, Chinese str., for Canton.
Quinto, German str., for Saigon.

DEPARTURES.

ARRATON APCAR, British str., for Calcutta.
ARDOVA, British str., for Moji.
B. BJORNSON, Norwegian str., for Amoy.
CAFFAIA, British str., for Swatow.
LHMA LUYKEN, German str., for Swatow.
HUBEN, German str., for New York.
HUBSON, British str., for Shanghai.
KANGU, British str., for Chiofo.
PEKIN, British str., for Shanghai.
PROGRESS, German str., for Swatow.
SERIA, German str., for Singapore.
TIENTE, Austrian str., for Trieste.
WAISHING, British str., for Yokohama.
WOODFORD, British str., for Yokohama.
WOODFORD, British str., for Shanghai.

SHIPPING REPORT.

The German str. *Lyembo* reports: Fog and
light southerly wind and smooth sea.
The British str. *Lutitia* reports: Den a fog
from Shanghai to port with light S.E. winds.
The British str. *Hogwarts* reports: Moderate
winds, smooth sea and fine clear weather.
The British str. *Kwangtai* reports: Moderate
to light variable winds, foggy and moderate
southerly swell.
The Chinese str. *Kwangtai* reports: Experi-
enced light variable winds and heavy fog
throughout from Shanghai to the Brothers;
thence light air and occasional fog to arrival
in port.
The British str. *Rubi* reports: Strong winds
from S.E. to W.W.W. high sea and heavy rain
squalls to lat. 19 N. hence the weather into
port. Passed four-masted sailing ship bound
south in lat. 17.24 N. long. 118.20 E.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

3rd May.
Kowloon Docks.—Tat Hing, Robert Cooke,
Hans, Slavonia.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

ALTERATION.
DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.
THE Company's Steamship

"HAITAN."
Captain Roach, will be despatched for the above
ports TO-DAY, the 4th inst., at 10 A.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARSEN & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1905. 1111

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Calling at Port Darwin and QUEEN-
SLAND PORTS, and taking through cargo to
A DELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA
&c.)
THE Steamship

"EMPIRE."
Captain Holmes, will be despatched for the
above ports on SATURDAY, the 6th May, at
Noon.
This well-known Steamer is specially fitted
for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chan-
cel, which ensures the supply of Fresh Pro-
visions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.
This Steamer is installed throughout with
the Electric Light.
A daily qualified Surgeon and Stewards
are carried.
N.B.—To ensure the additional comfort of
passengers the Steamer for the Company have
electric fans fitted in staterooms.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 12th April, 1905. 973

BRITISH-INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY, STRAITS AND RANGOON.
THE Company's Steamship

"ZALDA."
Captain G. M. Symmers, will be despatched
above on SUNDAY, the 7th inst., at DAY-
LIGHT.
For Freight or Passage apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 2nd May, 1905. 1125

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing near Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked K, nearest Hongkong H, midway between Hongkong and Kowloon M, and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf K.W., together with the number denoting the section.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & REG.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	COROMANDEL	Brit. str.	—	G. M. Montford, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 6th inst., at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	PERA	Brit. str.	—	A. L. Valentini	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 10th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP	BENALDER	Brit. str.	—	McIntosh	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 15th inst.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	JASON	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 9th inst.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	DAIDANUS	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 23rd inst.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	CALCHAS	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 6th June.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	KINTUCK	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th June.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	TEENKAT	Brit. str.	—	Harris	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 7th inst., at 5 P.M.
MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	DUMBA	Brit. str.	—	Boyer	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 10th inst., at 1 P.M.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG	PREUSSEN	Ger. str.	—	Dahl	MELORES & CO.	On 19th inst., at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SROVIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Schoenfeldt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 10th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SENEGAMBIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Jaburg	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 30th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	C. FRED, LARSEN	Ger. str.	k. w.	von Hoff	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 13th June.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	BRISGAVIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Schmidt	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 27th June.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	LAERIES	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th June.
NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	DEUCALION	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	STANDARD OIL CO.	About 20th June.
NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	KENNEBEC	Brit. str.	—	—	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	About 15th inst.
NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	ATHOLL	Brit. str.	—	—	DODWELL & CO. LD.	About 20th inst.
NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	SAGAMI	Brit. str.	—	—	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 25th inst.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	2 m.	Habel	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 24th inst.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	ATHENIAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 24th inst.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA JAPAN	LYRA	Am. str.	—	G. V. Williams	DODWELL & CO. LIMITED.	On 21st inst.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA JAPAN	NINGCHOW	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 11th inst., at Daylight.
PORTLAND, OREGON	ARABIA	Brit. str.	—	Bahle	PORTLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	On 6th inst., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	EMPIRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Helms	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 13th inst.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	TSINAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 30th inst., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	FRIZ SIGMUND	Ger. str.	—	—	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 18th inst.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOI & KOBE	PALEMO	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 16th inst.
TSINGTAI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	CHIEKI	Brit. str.	—	A. Hansen	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	To-day, at 8 A.M.
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	TRUTH	Ger. str.	—	E. A. Peters	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 8th inst.
SHANGHAI	MAITA	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 10th inst., at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	YOHOW	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 7th inst., at 8 A.M.
HANGKONG	HANGKONG	Brit. str.	—	H. A. Hornsden	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 14th inst., at 8 A.M.
TAMUI VIA SWATOW & AMOY	FRITHJOF	Ger. str.	—	Carl Muller	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 7th inst., at Daylight.
TAMUI VIA SWATOW & AMOY	PROTEUS	Ger. str.	—	G. M. Symmers	DOUGLAS LARSEN & CO.	To-day, at 10 A.M.
AMOY, STRAITS & RANGOON	ZALDA	Brit. str.	2 h.	Koach	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	HAITAN	Brit. str.	—	A. Nottley	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 6th inst., at Noon.
MANILA	LOONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	E. Rodger	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 13th inst., at 4 P.M.
MANILA	LUH	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 13th inst., at Noon.
MANILA	TAMING	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.
MANILA	YUNNSANG	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	Quinox despatch.
MANILA	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 13th inst., at Noon.
CEBU & ILOILO	KAIPOH	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 9th inst., at 3 P.M.
JAVA PORTS	TILATAP	Dut. str.	—	—	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On 13th inst., at Noon.
KUDAT & SANDAKAN	MAUSANG	Brit. str.	—	—	—	—
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TAMUI VIA SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW	"FRITHJOF"	SUNDAY, 14th May, at 8 A.M.
TAMUI VIA SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW	"H. A. HANSEN"	SUNDAY, 14th May, at 8 A.M.
TAMUI VIA SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW	"PROTEUS"	SUNDAY, 14th May, at 8 A.M.
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SHANGHAI	MALTA	About 5th May	Freight and Passage.
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Hongkong, 2nd May, 1905.

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SHANGHAI	"HANGSANG"	Wednesday, 10th May, 4 P.M.
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STEAMSHIP	TONS	CAPTAIN	TO SAIL AT DAYLIGHT ON
"ARABIA"	4453	Bahle	May 11th, 1905.
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Hongkong, 24th April, 1905. [1]

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